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SUBJ: ANTI-TANK AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILE SYSTEMS FOR
THE PHILIPPINES

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1. EA HAS BEEN ASKED BY MUNITIONS CONTROL (MC) TO CLEAR FOR USE WITH THE PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES THREE CONFIDENTIAL PAMPHLETS REGARDING THE (1) "IMPROVED HAWK" AIR DEFENSE MISSILE; (2) THE ARMY'S HEAVY ANTI-TANK/ASSAULT MISSILE TOW; AND (3) THE AIR FORCE SPARROW MISSILE FOR F-4 AIRCRAFT.
2. WE ASSUME THIS REQUEST PRESAGES ATTEMPT BY HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY (WITH TOW) AND RAYTHEON COMPANY (HAWK AND SPARROW) TO SELL THESE WEAPONS TO THE PHILIPPINES. TOW SYSTEM IN PARTICULAR HAS VERY LONG LEAD TIME ON DELIVERY AND ALL ARE VERY EXPENSIVE. REFTEL CONTAINS USG POLICY
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GUIDANCE ON TOW MISSILE.

3. UNLESS EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE STRONG AND COMPELLING REASONS TO CONTRARY, DEPARTMENT PLANS NOT REPEAT NOT TO CLEAR ABOVE PAMPHLETS FOR RELEASE TO GOP AS WE DO NOT WISH TO ENCOURAGE SALE OF SUCH SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA.

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